

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Govanstown Hotel

AND/OR COMMON Donald Apartments

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 5614 York Road

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Records Office Room 601

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland zip code 21202

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE 1977

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Commission for Hist. and Arch. Preservation

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

STATE Maryland 21202

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Donald Apartments building is three stories high, eight bays wide and is built of American Common bond brick. Ten piers support a two story veranda. The ground plan is rectangular. A one story front extension at road level (basement level of the building) houses several shops.

Originally, the Govanstown Hotel was of an emphatically Italianate design. The main building was five bays wide and four bays deep with a side wing three bays wide and two bays deep. The wing was originally recessed two bays from the main facade but has since been extended to create a flat front. A bargeboard cornice topped the two story veranda, which was decorated with fanciful ironwork. Flat-topped windows with shutters have plain marble lintels and sills. The roof-line was detailed with a deeply projected, bracketing cornice. Roof trim included four link-topped chimneys, and a cupola with arched windows and a cornice similar to the roof-line.

The building is presently in good condition but, with the exception of the galleries, has been stripped of its detail. It is located at a heavily trafficked intersection, once the hub of the Govans community, York Road and Bellona Avenue.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES    c. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Govanstown Hotel, or Ulery's Hotel, situated on a plot of land owned by William T. Markland, was the most important structure in Govans during the greater part of the nineteenth century. It catered to the many travelers along the York Turnpike, many of whom were farmers bringing their produce from as far away as York, Pennsylvania to be sold at the markets in the lower Greenmount area. The hotel, later owned by Louis Ritter and renamed the Brick Hotel, depended largely upon these farmers and bus and sleighing parties from Baltimore for its business. The hotel's specialty in its hey day was a one dollar Maryland Dinner. A clay-pigeon trap-shooting range could be found behind the hotel in later years. For the farmers there was a big wagon yard and a separate building, heated by a huge stove, where the wagoners rested, chewed tobacco and sometimes fell asleep in the chairs around the stove. The building was last used as a hotel by Emil Funk.

The Govanstown Hotel, when it was built, expressed a popular American architectural style during the 1840's and 50's, the Italianate style.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. and Arch. Preservation

DATE

1977

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

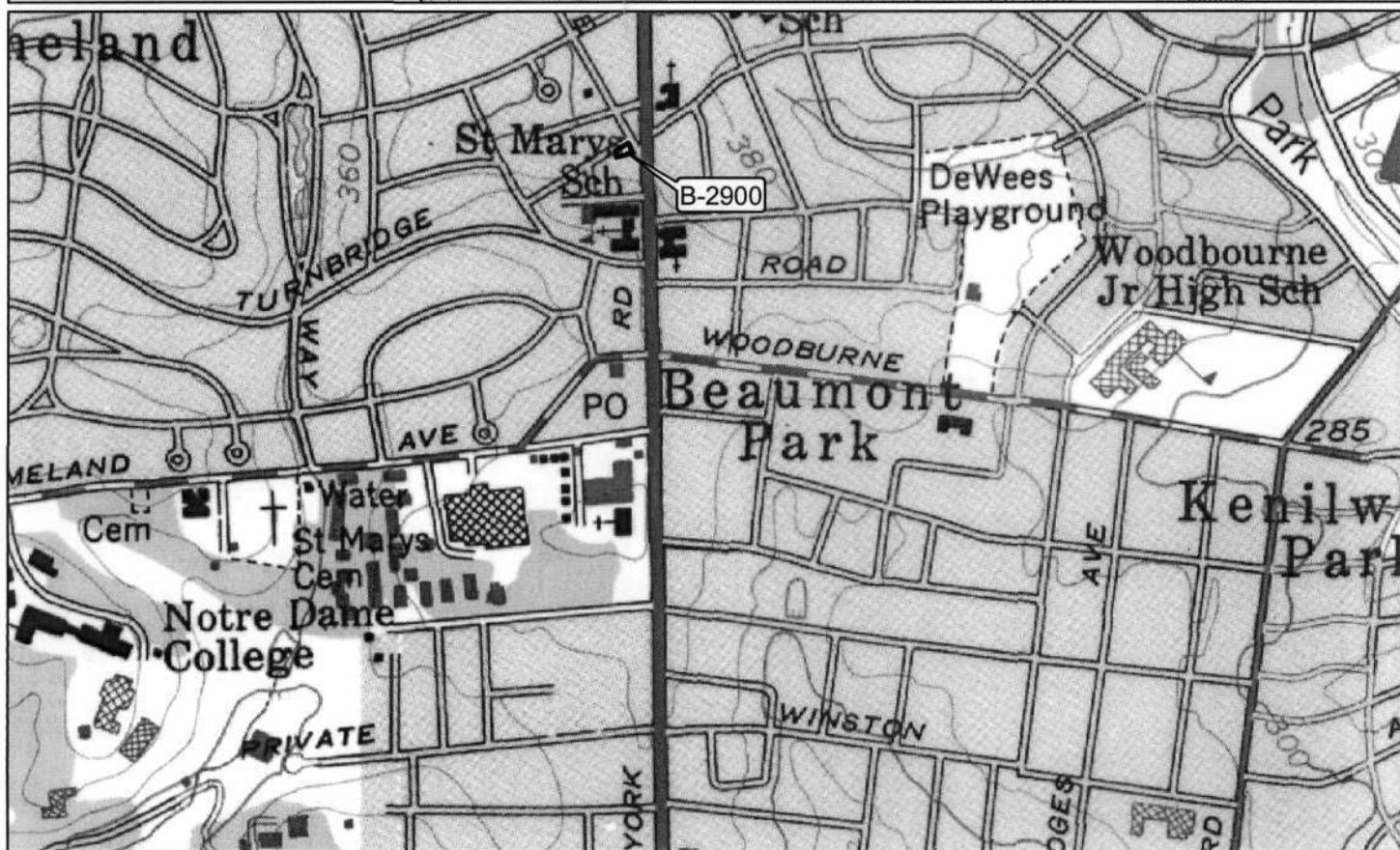
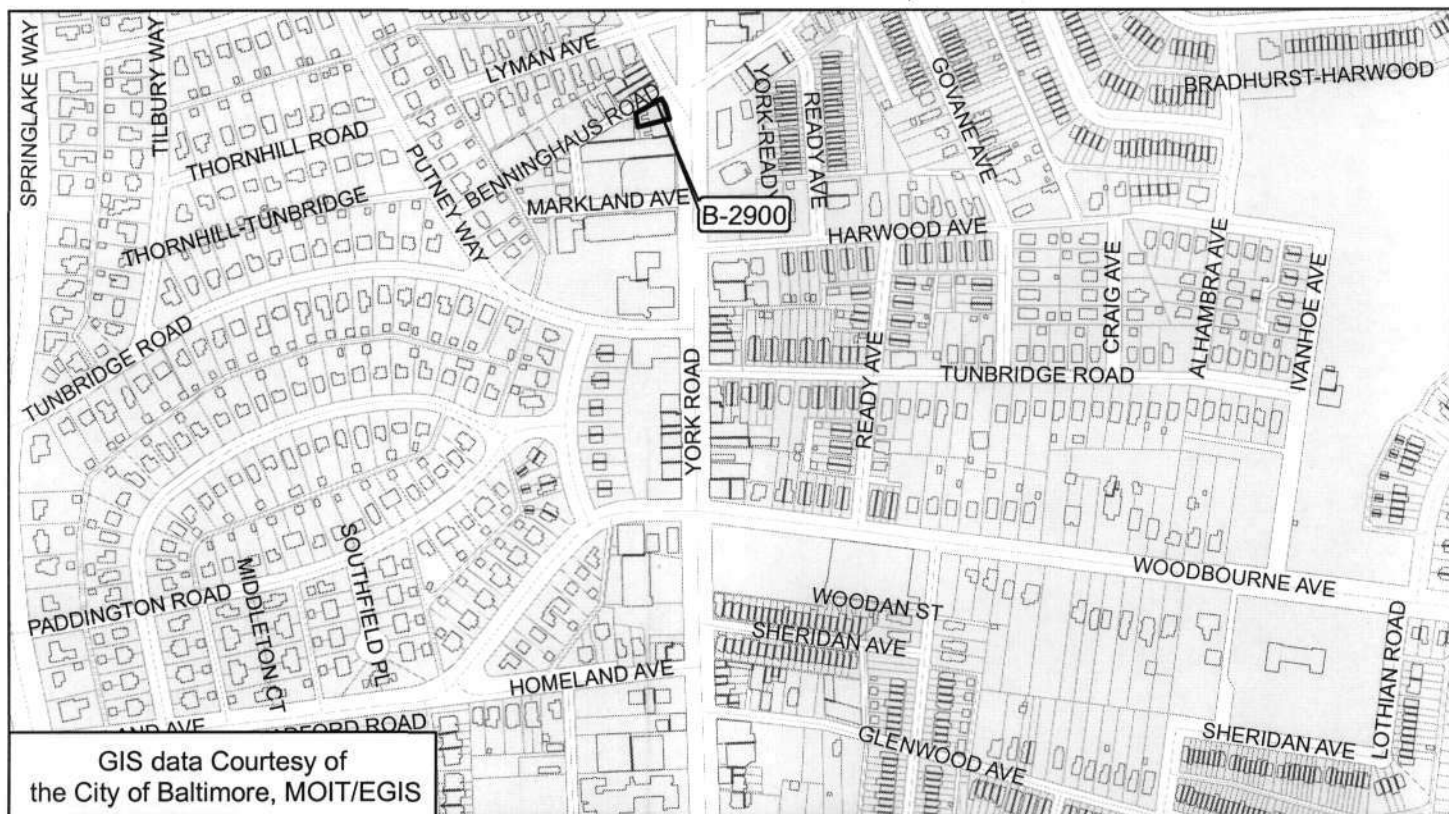
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Block 5014C Lot 003  
Baltimore City  
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Baltimore East Quad.





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